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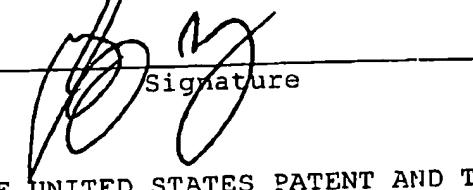
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Applicant	:	Robert Sixto Jr., et al.		
Filed	:	December 6, 2001		
Title	:	Surgical Clips Particularly Useful in the Endoluminal Treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)		
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Responsive to the final Office action dated January 5, 2005, the following remarks are made:

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